

Agenda

6 October 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT: Background for NSCIC Working Group Meeting, 8 October 1975

1. Agenda and revised minutes for approval.
2. Substantive briefing by NIO/ME on Efforts by Community to Improve Product since October War. [REDACTED] to brief; [REDACTED]

also present. Special reference to:

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NIAM 35/36-2-75
SNIE 30-1-75
Intelligence Alert Memo on Egypt
OPR Research Paper on Arab World in 1980s

NIO has been in contact with Amb. Ellsworth on study of Arab-Israeli Military Balance in the 80s.

3. TRs for NSCIC Working Group for approval
Draft TRs
D/DCI/IC letter to General Scowcroft
4. Report on Intelligence Evaluation Project. Ober to brief. DOD resisting this examination of current intelligence products. DOD wants to cover other Community activities. D/DCI/IC should wish Godspeed to the experiment.

5. Discussion of Guide to Community's Products

D/DCI^{IC} will distribute copies of printed version, ask for immediate guidance on distribution, offer to consider reader reactions later for the next edition.

General Scowcroft has been briefed that Amb. Ellsworth liked the draft Guide, but that some within his staff (Cordesman) wanted much more.

6. Old/New Business

D/DCI/IC to report that Objectives and Perspectives are with DCI for signature, and KIQs are at the printers. All comments--NSC Staff's and others'--on the draft version were considered in preparing the final version.

D/DCI/IC to report that, on subject of expressing uncertainties, the new NIE 11-3/8 reflects considerable improvement along that line. It drew on an IC Staff paper on technical uncertainties. Also, D/DCI/IC asked the DDI to have a study undertaken in OPR, and work is under way. Meanwhile, OPR calls attention to two pertinent articles in Studies in Intelligence, one by [REDACTED] and to OPR's recently published Handbook of Bayesian Analysis for Intelligence. D/DCI/IC should promise to keep at the problem, but warn the Working Group that there will never be a single, perfect key to fit all types of intelligence products. (Cordesman has raised this problem again.)

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D/DCI/IC should propose that the Intelligence Alert Memoranda Study approved by USIB be considered by the NSCIC Working Group, either as an agenda item or through written comments. Mr. Morell has in fact urged this.

D/DCI/IC to propose distributing a CIA/OPR paper on Chinese Politics and the Sino-Soviet Triangle plus a DIA/DE memorandum on Soviet Support for Wars of Liberation to the Group for comments on these innovative studies. Authors are willing to brief the Group whenever desired.

If Amb. Ellsworth or Adm. Rectanus raise the subject of a bibliography of national intelligence products, D/DCI/IC should report that in response to letters from Mr. Cordesman of 21 May and 3 October 1975 the matter has been raised twice with the NIOs, who have now agreed at least to list all national estimative papers published in 1975 as part of their next quarterly report (due out this week) and they will revise this list each quarter. (This is essentially a DOD dissemination problem, and we have sent the Cordesman correspondence to the DIA USIB Library. Librarians there are upset that Cordesman made an "end run" on what they consider their problem.)

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